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SUBJECT: DRAFT PRESS RELEASE ON ACTIVITIES OF COMMITTEE
ON INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT AND MULTINATIONAL ENTER-
PRISES (CIME)

1. SECRETARIAT HAS SENT TEXT OF DRAFT PRESS RELEASE ON
CIME ACTIVITIES DISCUSSED AT JANUARY MEETING OF CIME
AD HOC GROUP TO INTERESTED DELEGATIONS (GERMAN, SWEDISH,
SWISS, UK, CANADIAN, DUTCH AND U.S.). SECRETARIAT HAS
SUGGESTED INFORMAL MEETING OF THESE DELEGATIONS NEXT
WEEK TO DISCUSS PRESS RELEASE AND HOW PRESS INQUIRIES
ABOUT APRIL CIME SHOULD BE HANDLED. TEXT OF DRAFT
RELEASE (WHICH IS CHARACTERIZED AS "EDITOR'S NOTE"
RATHER THAN PRESS COMMUNIQUE) TOGETHER WITH COVER NOTE
FROM SECRETARIAT REPEATED BELOW (PARA. 4).

2. MISSION COMMENT: BASIC DECISION IS WHETHER STATE-
MENT OF ANY KIND SHOULD BE RELEASED TO PRESS BEFORE CIME
MEETING. IN MISSION VIEW, THERE ARE ADVANTAGES
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TO DOING SO, IF WE CAN OBTAIN AGREEMENT OF A TEXT WHICH
IS RELATIVELY INNOCUOUS AND NOT DISPROPORTIONATELY
WEIGHTED TOWARD THE GUIDELINES. FACTUAL PRESS STATEMENT
FROM SECRETARIAT WOULD (A) HELP COUNTER ADVERSE AND
MISLEADING REPORTS (E.G., ECONOMIST ARTICLES) WHICH
HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED REGARDING CIME ACTIVITIES SINCE
INVESTMENT PACKAGE ADOPTED (ESPECIALLY USG ATTITUDES

IN CIME) AND (B) GIVEN EXPECTED PRESS INTEREST IN APRIL CIME MEETING AND CONSULTATIONS WITH BIAC AND TUAC, PRIOR PRESS STATEMENT WOULD MAKE IT LESS AWKWARD TO WITHHOLD INFORMATION TO PRESS ON APRIL MEETING SHOULD SUCH A STANCE SEEM ADVISABLE. HOWEVER, TEXT AS IT NOW STANDS DOES NOT SEEM ACCEPTABLE. IT IS TOO LONG AND CONTAINS TROUBLESOME LANGUAGE. FOR EXAMPLE, LAST SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 2 AND ALL OF PARAGRAPH 8 APPEAR ENTIRELY OUT OF ORDER, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE SEVEN ISSUES OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 8 HAVE NOT EVEN BEEN DISCUSSED BY FULL CIME, LET ALONE APPROVED BY IT.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE TO MISSION BY COB MARCH 7 IF PRESS RELEASE PRIOR TO MEETING ACCEPTABLE AND, IF SO, CHANGES DESIRED IN SECRETARIAT DRAFT. WE ASSUME THAT WASHINGTON WOULD WANT DECISION ON HOW PRESS INQUIRIES ON CIME CONSULTATIONS AND MEETING IN APRIL SHOULD BE HANDLED TO BE TAKEN BY CIME ITSELF AT APRIL MEETING.

4. BEGIN TEXT -- COVER NOTE FOR DELEGATIONS

AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE AD HOC GROUP THE SECRETARIAT WAS ASKED TO PREPARE A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS IN ORDER TO INFORM IT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT AND MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IT WAS AGREED THAT THE TEXT AND THE UTILISATION OF THIS COMMUNICATION SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN ADVANCE WITH INTERESTED DELEGATIONS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE DIFFERENT WAYS TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE PRESS THAT COULD BE FOUND APPROPRIATE ON THIS OCCASION.

THE ATTACHED TEXT HAS BEEN CONCEIVED AS A BASIS FOR THIS DISCUSSION.

IT HAS BEEN PREPARED AS A "NOTE TO EDITORS", I.E., AS A DOCUMENT FOR INFORMATION RATHER THAN A PRESS COMMUNIQUE, AS COMMUNIQUES ARE GENERALLY DESIGNED TO ANNOUNCE

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DECISIONS AND ACTION BY THE ORGANISATION AND HAVE A
MORE OFFICIAL CHARACTER.

PRESUMABLY THE PRESS WILL ALREADY BE AWARE OF THE MEET-
ING OF 11-13TH APRIL AND WILL, IN ANY EVENT BE INTER-
ESTED IN THIS MEETING. THE NOTE IS INTENDED FOR CIRCU-
LATION ABOUT A WEEK BEFORE THE MEETING IN ORDER TO PRO-
VIDE A CORRECT BASIS OF APPRECIATION AS TO THE ROLE OF
THE COMMITTEE. IT CAN THEREFORE NOT REFER TO THE
RESULTS OF THE FORTHCOMING EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH TUAC
AND BIAC.

IF IT APPEARED DESIRABLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON
THESE EXCHANGES OF VIEWS, CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE
GIVEN TO OTHER MEANS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT TUAC,
BIAC OR NATIONAL DELEGATIONS MAY WISH TO COMMUNICATE
WITH THE PRESS ON THEIR OWN BEHALF.

THE CIRCULATION OF THIS NOTE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY INDUCE A
PARTICULAR INTEREST OF THE PRESS FOR THE FORTHCOMING
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MEETING. THE QUESTION SHOULD THEREFORE BE
CONSIDERED AS TO HOW SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS BY JOURNA-
LISTS SHOULD BE DEALT WITH IN WHICH FRAMEWORK (PRESS
CONFERENCE - CONTACTS WITH THE INFORMATION SERVICE -
CONTACTS WITH NATIONAL DELEGATIONS) AND WITHIN WHICH
LIMITS THIS SHOULD BE DONE.

THE DELEGATIONS RECEIVING THIS NOTE ARE INVITED TO TRANSMIT THEIR VIEWS TO MR. W. WITHERELL. IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO ORGANISE A MEETING OF AN INFORMAL CHARACTER WITH THE SECRETARIAT IN ORDER TO COMPARE VIEWPOINTS, POSSIBLY IN THE WEEK BETWEEN THE 6TH AND 10TH MARCH.

DRAFT "NOTE TO EDITORS" ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

THE OECD'S COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT AND MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES WILL MEET ON 11 - 13TH APRIL, 1978. DURING THE FIRST DAY OF THIS MEETING, IT WILL HOLD AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BIAC) AND THE TRADE UNION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TUAC) ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE OECD GUIDELINES FOR MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES (MNE'S).

THE ATTACHED NOTE PROVIDES INFORMATION ON THE RECENT WORK OF THE OECD IN THE AREA OF INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT AND MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES, IN PARTICULAR, THE MEASURES TAKEN THUS FAR TOWARDS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GUIDELINES AND THE OTHER PARTS OF THE 1976 MINISTERIAL DECLARATION OF THE OECD COUNTRIES.

OECD ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT AND MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES
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(1) ON JUNE 21-22, 1976 THE OECD COUNCIL, MEETING AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL, AGREED TO STEP UP COOPERATION AMONG MEMBER COUNTRIES IN THE AREA OF INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT AND MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES. THIS ACTION CONSISTED OF A DECLARATION OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES AND THE FOUR RELATED DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL ON GUIDELINES FOR MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES, NATIONAL TREATMENT, INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT INCENTIVES AND DISINCENTIVES, AND INTER-GOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATION PROCEDURES. THE DECLARATION AND THE DECISIONS AIMED AT IMPROVING THE INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT CLIMATE THROUGH JOINT UNDERTAKINGS BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF MEMBER COUNTRIES WHICH SHOULD STRENGTHEN CONFIDENCE BETWEEN MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES AND MEMBER STATES. THEY AIMED FURTHER AT ENCOURAGING THE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS OF MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS AND MINIMIZING OR RESOLVING PRESENT OR POTENTIAL DIFFICULTIES THAT MAY RESULT FROM THEIR ACTIVITIES, THROUGH INTERNATIONALLY AGREED GUIDELINES, INTER-GOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS AND REVIEW MECHANISMS. THIS ACTION WAS THE RESULT OF THOROUGH STUDIES AND INTENSIVE

NEGOTIATIONS AMONG GOVERNMENTS AS WELL AS CONSULTATIONS
WITH THE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BIAC)
AND THE TRADE UNION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TUAC) WHICH
PUBLICLY WELCOMED THE CONCLUSION OF THAT EFFORT. THE
CONSENSUS THAT WAS THUS REACHED IN THE OECD REPRESENTS
A COMMON APPROACH ON THE PART OF A GROUP OF COUNTRIES

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ACCOUNTING FOR MOST INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT IN THE
WORLD ECONOMY.

(2) IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE GUIDELINES FOR
MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES GO BEYOND INTER-GOVERNMENTAL
COOPERATION. IN FACT THE PARTICIPATING OECD MEMBER
COUNTRIES RECOMMEND JOINTLY TO MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES
OPERATING IN THEIR TERRITORIES THE OBSERVANCE OF THESE
GUIDELINES. THESE GUIDELINES ARE THUS ADDRESSED TO THE
MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES THEMSELVES. THEY ARE NOT
LEGALLY BINDING; THEY CALL FOR VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE.
THEREFORE THEIR EFFECTIVENESS DEPENDS NOT ONLY ON THE
COOPERATIVE ACTION OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS BUT ALSO TO A
LARGE EXTENT ON WIDE ACCEPTANCE BY THE ENTERPRISES CON-
CERNED AND THE CONTINUING SUPPORT OF BUSINESS AND LABOUR
ORGANISATIONS AND THE PUBLIC AT LARGE. TO DATE THE
EVIDENCE AVAILABLE TO THE OECD INDICATES THAT THE GUIDE-

LINES DO HAVE THIS BROAD SUPPORT.

(3) AT THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL, THE MEMBER COUNCIL HAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRIES HAVE ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE OECD THE COMMITTEE FOR INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT AND MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES (CIME) WHICH SERVES AS A PERMANENT FORUM FOR PERIODIC DISCUSSIONS AND REVIEWS OF MATTERS RELATING TO THE GUIDELINES AND THEIR APPLICATION AND OF OTHER ISSUES RELATING TO MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES AND INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT. UNDER THE PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED BY THE 1976 DECLARATION AND DECISIONS, THE CIME ALSO SERVES AS THE FORUM IN WHICH ANY MEMBER CAN REQUEST CONSULTATIONS ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE GUIDELINES, NATIONAL TREATMENT AND INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT INCENTIVES AND DISINCENTIVES. IN 1979 THE OECD COUNCIL WILL REVIEW THE 1976 DECLARATION AND DECISIONS AND THE CIME WILL PREPARE PROPOSALS FOR THAT REVIEW.

(4) AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL, MEMBER GOVERNMENTS HAVE WIDELY DISSEMINATED THE GUIDELINES IN THEIR NATIONAL LANGUAGES. GOVERNMENTS HAVE ALSO TAKEN APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO COMMEND THE GUIDELINES TO COMPANIES AND BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS. THE BIAC AND TUAC AND VARIOUS NATIONAL BUSINESS AND LABOR ORGANISATIONS HAVE ALSO PLAYED A USEFUL ROLE IN DISSEMINATING THE GUIDELINES. IN SOME COUNTRIES SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR EXCHANGES OF VIEWS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND INTERESTED PARTIES ON THE APPLICATION OF THE GUIDELINES AND THE OTHER ASPECTS OF THE 1976 DECLARATION AND DECISIONS.

(5) ON THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL THE GUIDELINES HAVE PROVIDED AN IMPORTANT BASIS OF REFERENCE FOR WORK IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA, IN PARTICULAR THE UNITED NATIONS, THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANISATION AND THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

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(6) WITHIN THE OECD THE CIME HAS DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE EFFORTS TO MATTERS RELATED TO THE APPLICATION OF THE GUIDELINES. IN PARTICULAR THE COMMITTEE PERIODICALLY INVITES THE BIAC AND TUAC TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THESE MATTERS. THE FIRST OF THESE EXCHANGES OF VIEWS TOOK PLACE IN MARCH OF 1977 AND THE SECOND IS SCHEDULED

FOR APRIL 11 OF THIS YEAR. DURING THE PAST YEAR THE COMMITTEE, FOLLOWING PRESENTATIONS BY TUAC AND MEMBER GOVERNMENTS, EXAMINED A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC SITUATIONS WHICH RAISED ISSUES RELATING TO THE APPLICATION OF THE GUIDELINES.

(7) THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERED IN SOME DEPTH THE MATERIALS PRESENTED. WITH RESPECT TO THE QUESTIONS RAISED BY MEMBER GOVERNMENTS, THE COMMITTEE'S DISCUSSIONS SOUGHT TO CLARIFY CERTAIN ISSUES RELATING TO THE MEANING OR THE COVERAGE OF THE GUIDELINES. THE EXAMINATION OF THE MATERIALS PRESENTED IN THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH TUAC WAS UNDERTAKEN WITH A VIEW TO GAINING EXPERIENCE ON THE APPLICATION OF THE GUIDELINES IN CONCRETE SITUATIONS. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT ACCORDING TO THE PROCEDURES LAID DOWN IN THE 1976 COUNCIL DECISION FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATION PROCEDURES ON THE GUIDELINES, THE COMMITTEE SHALL NOT REACH CONCLUSIONS ON THE CONDUCT OF

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INDIVIDUAL ENTERPRISES, IN OTHER WORDS, IT IS NOT TO SERVE AS A JUDICIAL FORUM. THEREFORE THE COMMITTEE DID NOT SEEK TO ASCERTAIN THE VERACITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL SITUATIONS PRESENTED TO IT. RATHER, THE PRESENTATIONS WERE CONSIDERED AS ILLUSTRATIONS OF ISSUES

ARISING UNDER THE APPLICATION OF THE GUIDELINES.

(8) IN THIS RESPECT THE SUBMISSIONS BY GOVERNMENTS AND BY TUAC IN THE 1977 EXCHANGE OF VIEWS HAVE PROVED TO BE VERY USEFUL TO THE COMMITTEE. THE FOLLOWING SEVEN ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE BASIS OF THESE SUBMISSIONS, SOME OF WHICH ARE DIVIDED INTO SUB-ISSUES(1):

(1) UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, PARAGRAPH CITATIONS REFER TO THE SECTION "EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS" OF THE GUIDELINES.

(I) RELATIONS BETWEEN MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES AND TRADE UNIONS OR OTHER BONA FIDE EMPLOYEE ORGANISATIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2). THE ISSUES RAISED UNDER THIS HEADING ARE RELATED TO:

- THE GENERAL APPROACH EXPECTED FROM COMPANIES TOWARD LEGAL AND LEGITIMATE UNION ORGANISATIONAL ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE ENTERPRISE,
- THE GRANTING OF LEAVES OF ABSENCE TO EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES WHO WISH TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL UNION SEMINARS CONCERNED WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN AFFILIATES OF THE SAME ENTERPRISE LOCATED IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES,
- THE PARTICIPATION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE SECRETARIAT REPRESENTATIVES IN DELEGATIONS OF TRADE UNIONS.

(II) APPLICATION BY MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES OF COMPARABLE STANDARDS OF EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (PARAGRAPH 4). UNDER THIS ITEM THE ISSUE AROSE OF THE PROPER STANDARD OF COMPARISON FOR A UNIT OF A MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISE; FOR EXAMPLE, WHETHER, WITH RESPECT TO WAGES, A MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISE WHICH IS EXPERIENCING ECONOMIC AND/OR FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES SHOULD BE COMPARED TO A NATIONAL ENTERPRISE BEING IN A SIMILAR SITUATION.

(III) CHANGES IN OPERATIONS (PARAGRAPH 6). THE ISSUES UNDER THIS HEADING RELATED TO THE TIMING OF NOTICE TO BE GIVEN IN CASE OF IMPORTANT CHANGES IN OPERATIONS AND TO WHETHER THE OBLIGATION TO "MITIGATE TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PRACTICABLE ADVERSE EFFECTS" ON EMPLOYEES OF SUCH CHANGES IMPLIES ANY OBLIGATION TO NEGOTIATE ON SUCH CHANGES WITH EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES.

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(IV) THREATS AND PRESSURES THAT MIGHT BE USED BY MANAGEMENT IN ORDER TO INFLUENCE UNFAIRLY BONA FIDE NEGOTIATIONS WITH EMPLOYEES ON CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT (PARAGRAPH 8). THE ISSUES RAISED UNDER THIS HEADING RELATE TO THREATS WITHHOLDING FUTURE INVESTMENTS OR DIRECTING THEM TO ANOTHER COUNTRY OR COUNTRIES AND TO THE TRANSFER OF WORKERS FROM FOREIGN AFFILIATES IN ORDER TO INFLUENCE ON-GOING LABOUR NEGOTIATIONS.

(V) ACCESS TO DECISION-MAKERS (PARAGRAPH 9). THE ISSUE WAS RAISED ABOUT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE CONDUCTING OF NEGOTIATIONS ON MATTERS RELATED TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING OR LABOUR RELATIONS.

(VI) APPLICATION OF PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE SECTION ON "SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY". THE ISSUE RAISED RELATES TO THE MAINTENANCE OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF THE HOME COUNTRY OF A MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISE.

(VII) RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARENT COMPANY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE APPLICATION OF THE GUIDELINES. THIS GENERAL ISSUE IS OF IMPORTANCE FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE GUIDELINES AS A WHOLE.

(9) IN ADDITION TO THE GUIDELINES, THE 1976 DECLARATION AND DECISIONS ALSO INCLUDE PROVISIONS ON NATIONAL TREAT-

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MENT AND INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT INCENTIVES AND DIS-
INCENTIVES. WITH RESPECT TO THE NATIONAL TREATMENT
INSTRUMENTS, THE COMMITTEE HAS CONDUCTED A THOROUGH
AND COMPREHENSIVE OVERVIEW OF EXISTING EXCEPTIONS TO
NATIONAL TREATMENT IN MEMBER COUNTRIES, THAT IS,
INSTANCES WHERE FOREIGN-CONTROLLED ENTERPRISES OPERAT-
ING IN THEIR TERRITORIES ARE TREATED LESS FAVOURABLY
THAN DOMESTICALLY CONTROLLED ENTERPRISES. THIS SURVEY
WAS BASED ON NOTIFICATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE INDIVIDUAL
MEMBER COUNTRIES ON THE BASIS OF THE SITUATION EXISTING
AT THE TIME OF THE JUNE 1976 DECLARATION AND DECISIONS.
THE NOTIFICATIONS DESCRIBED EXCEPTIONS THAT EXIST IN
SUCH AREAS AS NEW INVESTMENTS BY FOREIGN-CONTROLLED
RESIDENT FIRMS, ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES AND
INCENTIVES, GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING AND PURCHASING,
TAXATION AND EXCHANGE CONTROLS. ANY NEW EXCEPTION TO
"NATIONAL TREATMENT" WHICH MAY BE INTRODUCED BY A MEM-
BER COUNTRY IS TO BE NOTIFIED TO THE ORGANISATION ALONG
WITH THE SPECIFIC REASONS FOR THE MEASURE AND ITS PRO-
POSED DURATION. THE RELEVANT 1976 DECISION ALSO CALLS
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FOR THE COMMITTEE TO ACT AS A FORUM FOR CONSULTATIONS
AT THE REQUEST OF A MEMBER COUNTRY, IN RESPECT OF ANY
MATTER RELATED TO THE NATIONAL TREATMENT INSTRUMENT AND
ITS IMPLEMENTATION, BUT TO DATE THE COMMITTEE HAS RECEIVED
NO SUCH REQUESTS.

(10) AT ITS FORTHCOMING APRIL MEETING, THE COMMITTEE
WILL HOLD A GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AS REGARDS TO
INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT INCENTIVES AND DISINCENTIVES.
THE CENTRAL ELEMENT OF THE 1976 DECISION ON THIS ITEM
IS THE PROVISION FOR CONSULTATIONS WITHIN THE COMMITTEE
AT THE REQUEST OF A MEMBER COUNTRY WHICH CONSIDERS THAT
ITS INTERESTS MAY BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE IMPACT
ON ITS FLOW OF INTERNATIONAL DIRECT INVESTMENTS OF MEA-
SURES TAKEN BY ANOTHER MEMBER COUNTRY SPECIFICALLY
DESIGNED TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES OR DISINCENTIVES FOR
INTERNATIONAL DIRECT INVESTMENT. THE 1976 DECLARATION

ALSO CALLS FOR STRENGTHENED COOPERATION BETWEEN MEMBER
COUNTRIES IN THIS FIELD, THE TRANSPARENCY OF SUCH MEA-
SURES, AND GIVING DUE WEIGHT TO THE INTERESTS OF MEMBER
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